

CAES, INL host faculty partners during workshop

Photo: John Knox

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More than 60 faculty members from the Boise State University, Idaho State University and the University of Idaho were hosted by the Center for Advanced Energy Studies and the Idaho National Laboratory for a day-long workshop and tour of selected laboratory areas.

CAES Interim Director Harold Blackman said, "We are so pleased that such a large and diverse group of faculty members could attend this CAES Workshop and tour the INL. All three university partner institutions were well represented for a day of touring INL's laboratories and learning about INL capabilities and programs."

Photo: John C. Freemuth

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The purpose of the workshop was to familiarize university research faculty with INL principal investigators, facilities and equipment and ongoing energy research programs; facilitate networking between the four CAES member institutions; and identify additional collaboration opportunities. The visiting faculty participated in various laboratory tours throughout the day. One group of researchers visited nuclear facilities at the Materials Fuels Complex, while three groups of researchers participated in the renewable, alternative and bioenergy tours at the Science and Technology Complex in Idaho Falls.

CAES Associate Director for Research and University of Idaho Associate Vice President Bob Smith noted, "Many professors from the Idaho universities rarely have the opportunity to visit INL and better understand its research mission and programs. By coming to INL they will be able to carry what they have learned to their respective institutions, other faculty members and students. Through workshops and other activities, CAES is seeking to strengthen its relationship with its university partners."

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CAES Associate Director for Education and Idaho State Dean of Academic Programs in Idaho Falls John Knox said, "The workshop went very well. I was particularly impressed with the number people attending and quality of the participation at the policy forum. The workshop has helped familiarize faculty with the INL and made clear the dedication of CAES to connecting the three universities with the laboratory."

CAES Deputy Director Kevin Kostelnik said, "CAES is working to bring together researchers and capabilities to create an extensive energy-related network of professionals from academia, industry and national laboratories."

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